

Service of Joyous Celebration



The Reverend Arthur Washington Jones

1910 — 1992

Pastor Emeritus — Pilgrim Baptist Church

Saturday, August 15, 1992

12 Noon

Pilgrim Baptist Church

34 Hudson Street Newark, New Jersey

REVEREND CLARENCE E. THOMAS

Pastor

Obituary

REV. ARTHUR WASHINGTON JONES

Reverend Arthur Washington Jones was born in Rutherford, New Jersey where his name is inscribed in the cornerstone of the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church with a prayer offered by his father, Reverend Arthur D. Jones that God would use his son to glorify and honor Him.

Young Arthur attended the public schools in Plainfield, New Jersey, before preparing himself for the ministry by studying at Philadelphia Bible Institute, now a part of the Philadelphia College of Bible, and the School of Religion at Temple University. Later in his life he studied Greek and Hebrew at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Reverend Jones began his official service of his God and His people at the Evergreen Baptist Church of Palmyra, New Jersey. His service continued at Loyal Baptist Church of Danville, Virginia, St. Paul's Baptist Church of East Riverton, New Jersey, and the Zion Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Finally, he was called to the pastorate at Pilgrim Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey where for forty-one years he further demonstrated his dedication to his God and His people. It was there he became Pastor Emeritus on January 16, 1991.

Throughout his stewardship at Pilgrim Baptist Church, he imbued his congregation with a commitment to serve the community of Newark. He employed every manner of which he knew to lead God's children to Him. Reverend Jones witnessed from door to door for Christ. He opened a missionary to feed the hungry. And through his leadership Pilgrim Baptist Church oversaw the construction of Pilgrim Baptist Village I and II. This 305 unit housing complex offers residents of Essex County decent, affordable housing. Reverend Jones and his congregation also spearheaded the development of several single family homes in the City of Orange.

Reverend Jones' commitment to sharing his love of Christ was not confined to the walls of Pilgrim Baptist Church, nor was it confined to the boundaries of Newark, New Jersey. He served as President of the Ministers' Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and its vicinity, and as President of the Hampton Institute: Ministers' Conference in Hampton, Virginia. He brought his love for Christ to politics as an alternate delegate to a Republican Convention, and it was with him as he marched with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from Selma to Montgomery.

And still there was love to share, for Reverend Jones was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. Surviving Reverend Arthur W. Jones are his wife of fifty-five years, Ruth Brothers Jones; his children, Ruth DuBois, Fay and Herbert Hagler, and Grace and Wilburn Sells. He was blessed with eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, as well as three sisters, a brother and many other relatives and dear friends.

Rev. Arthur Washington Jones devoted his life to serving the Lord. He often said, "if I can help to save just one soul then my life will not have been in vain." There are many who could testify that the life of Reverend Arthur Washington Jones was not in vain. Reverend Jones's family requests that no flowers be sent. He dreamed of a new home for Pilgrim Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers we ask that donations in his name be made to the Pilgrim Baptist Church Building Fund to help keep his dream alive. However, donations will also be appreciated to the Pilgrim Baptist Church Scholarship Fund or the charity of your choice.

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REV. CLARENCE E. THOMAS, Presiding

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH
Newark, New Jersey

THE ORGAN PRELUDE Shiloh Baptist Church
Trenton, New Jersey

THE PROCESSIONAL Rev. Clarence E. Thomas
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

WORDS OF COMFORT Bishop Alfred G. Dunston, Jr.

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT Rev. Dr. Wilbert J. Graffam

A HYMN OF FAITH The Pilgrim Baptist Church Choir

THE WORD OF GOD SPEAKS Rev. Clarence E. Thomas

THE OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 23
 Isaiah 52:6-8

THE NEW TESTAMENT Romans 8:26-39

MESSAGE IN SONG AND THOUGHT The Family

HYMN OF FAITH The Shiloh Baptist Church Choir

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE Rev. S. Howard Woodson
Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church

ALTAR CALL Rev. Clarence E. Thomas

THE PRAYER BENEDICTION Rev. Clarence E. Thomas

THE RECESSIONAL Rev. S. Howard Woodson
The Hallelujah Chorus
The Shiloh Baptist Church Choir

"This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

Honorary Pallbearers

MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY
THE DEACON BOARD, Pilgrim Baptist Church
THE TRUSTEE BOARD, Pilgrim Baptist Church

Active Pallbearers

DAVID A. DuBOIS
DENNIS A. DuBOIS
JOHN CURTIS

HERBERT HAGLER
WILBURN A. SELLS
WILLIAM E. SITTON

DONALD G. TWINE

Interment

FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY
Central Avenue, Newark, N.J.

Arrangements

WHIGHAM FUNERAL HOME
580 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Mrs. Ruth B. Jones and her family, want you to know that they have been strengthened and uplifted by your overwhelming support. We offer a special thanks and a special prayer to each of you who shared in any way during this time.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them who love God, and to them who are called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:28

"To God Be the Glory"